(c) Total paid up capital :

Rs. 100 lakhs, of which share-holding of

(a) Hindustan Salts Ltd., Rs. 60 lakhs,

(b) Government of Rajasthan : Rs. 40 lakhs.

(d) Climatic change in the Lake area rendering the Lake dry and business coupled with non-flow of water into the Lake from the rivers due to construction of Bunds/Dams have been main reasons for the downward slide in production and production and profitability of Sambhar Salts Ltd. Besides, floods during the year 1975 affected the production for the next four years.

The company has taken steps to increase the availability of brine including digging of bore wells etc., as a result of which the company has started making profits and the accumulated losses have come down from Rs. 147.60 lakhs as at the end of March, 1990 to Rs. 76.13 lakhs at the end of March, 1991.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) The matter is under examination.

Assessment of Growth Centre Scheme

1229. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government has made any assessment of the Growth Centre Scheme announced in June, 1988;

(b) if so, its outcome;

(c) the estimated cost of each Centre and the expenditure incurred thereon since the inception of the scheme;

(d) the basis for allocation of growth centres to the various States particularly those which have large industrially backward and tribal areas;

(e) whether Government have recently cleared proposals for establishing 64 Growth Centres for promoting industrialisation in backward areas of the country; and

(f) the particulars of the Centres to be located in Rajasthan particularly in its tribal areas ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN) : (a) to (e) Under the Growth Centre Scheme, 70 Growth Centres would be developed during the Eighth Five Year Plan. Allocation of these Growth Centres to the various States/Union Territories was made on the basis of population, area and the extent of industrial backwardness. Locations of 64 Centres have been finalised and announced.

Each Growth Centre would be set up at an estimated cost of Rs. 25—30 crores to be funded jointly by the Union Government, State Governments and financial institutions. So far 22 project reports have been approved and central assistance of Rs. 41 crores has been released. In addition, a provisional release of Rs. 10.50 crores has been made for project reports received before 31-12-1991.

(f) Rajasthan has been allotted 5 Growth Centres and their locations are as under:—

Name of the growth centre	District
1. Abu Road	Sirohi
2. Bhilwara	Bhilwara
3. Bikaner	Bikaner
4 Dholpur	Dholpur
5 Jhalawar	Jhalawar

Collaboration by foreign companies

1230. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that after the liberalisation of our economy, the foreign companies are not coming to India in large numbers as expected;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the total number of companise which collaborated with Indian companies after liberalisation and in which field ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN) : (a) to (c) After the announcement of New Industrial Policy in July, 1991, approvals have been given by the Government as well as Reserve Bank of India for a total of 1062 foreign collaboration proposals till the end of March, 1992. Of these, 364 proposals envisage direct foreign investment of Rs. 1256.89 crores by foreign companies in the form of equity Indian companies. As against this total foreign collaboration approved in the corresponding period in 1990-91 was 364 and of these 100 were for financial collaboration involving foreign investment of Rs. 94.07 crores. Policy initiatives liberalising the provisions and simplifying the procedure relating to foreign investment initiated by the Government have generated considerable interest amongst foreign investors.

The details of approved foreign collaboration proposals *viz.*, name of the Indian company, name of the foreign collaborator, the nature of collaboration and items of manufacture are published on a regular basis by the Indian Investment Centre, New Delhi as a supplement to its Monthly Newsletter. Copies of these publications are sent regularly to the Parliament Library.

Setting up of Profit Earning PSU(s)

1231. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any plan under Government's consideration to set up new profit earning public sector units in place of the sick PSUs; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Exports by Small Scale Units

1232. SHRI RAM AWADESH SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what percentage of contribution is made by Small Scale Units out of the total export in terms of value and volume directly and indirectly;

(b) what is the contribution of Small Scale Units in industrial production directly and indirectly;

(c) what is the percentage of advances are being given by the commercial banks to small sector/sector, medium and heavy industry sector indicating the details thereof;

(d) whether it is a fact that export may be increased to an appreciable extent if proper advances are made by the banks to small scale units for improving their contribution; and

(e) what corrective steps Government propose to take to increase the industrial growth through S.S.I. and Cottage Industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN) : (a) Direct exports from the small scale sector has been reportedly around 28% of the total exports in value terms during the year 1990-91. The statistics of exports from the small scale sector in terms of volume and in terms of indirect exports are not maintained.

(b) The share of small scale sector is estimated to be about 35% of the gross value of output in the manufacturing sector.

(c) The amount outstanding against the small scale sector, as defined by RBI, on 31st March, 1990, was of the order of Rs. 15,969.36 crores against a reportedly total outstanding of Rs. 53,805 crores to the total industrial sector.

(d) Adequate and timely advances would help small scale units in improving their levels of production and exports.

(e) The Policy measures for promoting and strengthening small, tiny and village enterprises, laid on the Table of the House on 6-8-1991, are intended to impart more vitality and growth impetus to the small scale industries.